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Date: March 1, 2002

Mr. Jeff Sagers
Terra Resources, LLC
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DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS AND MINING

Dear Mr. Sagers:

On February 28, 2002 we received your plan of operations for proposed mining activities at Clarks Basin, T.13N., R.16W., Sections 1, 2, and 11, within the Raft River Division of the Sawtooth National Forest.

We are currently reviewing your plan to see if it is complete and meets the requirements of 36 CFR 228 Subpart A. I have enclosed a copy of 36 CFR 228 Subpart A for your information.

Under 36 CFR 228.5, the authorized officer has 30 days from receipt of your plan of operations in which to determine if your plan is complete and meets the requirements of 36 CFR 228 Subpart A. Because of your concerns over being able to start operations as quickly as possible, we will attempt to complete this review as soon as possible. If your plan is incomplete, it will be returned to you and you would need to submit a revised plan of operations to this office. We would then have another 30 days to review the revised plan. Once it has been determined the plan is complete the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) process can begin.

As we have discussed with you in the past, prior commitments to other projects may make it difficult for this office to complete the necessary studies (including cultural and threatened and endangered plant and animal surveys) and the NEPA documentation. When we have a complete plan of operations, we will be better able to make a determination if the Forest Service would be able to complete part or all of the environmental documentation and still meet your timeframes or whether you would need to do third party contracting for these items. Please be aware that if the Forest Service or a third party contractor does this work there are mandatory procedures and timeframes that must be met as part of the NEPA process. If you plan to do third party contracting for the cultural and threatened and endangered plant and animal surveys or for the NEPA documentation, you will need to coordinate these activities with the appropriate Forest Service personnel, including archeologists, botanists, wildlife specialists, and NEPA coordinator, otherwise your studies may not meet Forest Service requirements which would delay your project.

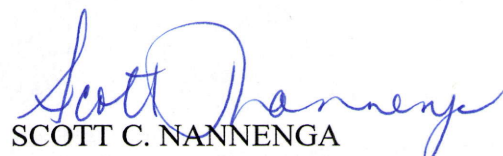
As part of the Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, we have forwarded a copy of your plan of operations to Mr. Lynn Kunzler of that office.

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If you have any questions or comments, please contact Steve Flock, Minerals Management Specialist, at the above address or telephone number.

Sincerely,



SCOTT C. NANNENGA
Burley/Twin Falls District Ranger

Enclosure

cc. Lynn Kunzler (w/o enclosure)
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

Jeff Gabardi (w/o enclosure)
Sawtooth National Forest S.O.